Quiz 14 – Chapter 10 – Public Policy and Administration  
  
1. How many state agencies in Texas are substantially independent from the governor?

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|  | a. | 50 |
|  | b. | 110 |
|  | c. | Around 200 |
|  | d. | More than 300 |

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2. Fragmentation of the Texas executive branch into independent agencies was done by various legislatures to

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|  | a. | avoid the issue of power becoming too centralized. |
|  | b. | help Governor E. J. Davis deal with the former slave owners. |
|  | c. | promote political patronage and kick-backs. |
|  | d. | aid the power block of the petroleum producers in the legislature. |

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3. The mission of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission is to

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|  | a. | monitor the appropriated spending of each state agency. |
|  | b. | recommend the merging, abolition, or continuation of state agencies. |
|  | c. | enforce the Administrative Procedures and Texas Register Act. |
|  | d. | enforce the Open Meetings and Records Act. |

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4. State agencies are sometimes created as a result of

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|  | a. | bureaucratic efficiency. |
|  | b. | citizen complaints and outrage over an issue. |
|  | c. | a need to keep up with population growth. |
|  | d. | high state unemployment rates. |

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5. Bureaucracies in Texas​

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|  | a. | ​simply implement the policies determined by the legislature and governor. |
|  | b. | ​make almost all public policy decisions. |
|  | c. | ​influence policy outcomes by the decisions they make. |
|  | d. | ​have little influence over policy because of the power centralized in the governor. |

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6. Three factors that are important in determining a state agency’s success in achieving its policy goals are

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|  | a. | elite access, vigor and vision of their leadership, and resources. |
|  | b. | vigor and vision of their leadership, elite access, and the governor’s support. |
|  | c. | money, political power, and who you know. |
|  | d. | elitist power, mission of the agency, and the Speaker’s support. |

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7. By 2012, how many employees did the state of Texas have?

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|  | a. | 85,000 |
|  | b. | 123,000 |
|  | c. | 214,000 |
|  | d. | 311,000 |

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8. Acquiring a government job based on political loyalty, without regard to ability, is called

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|  | a. | elite access. |
|  | b. | political patronage. |
|  | c. | a merit system. |
|  | d. | affirmative action. |

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9. Which employs the most people in Texas?​

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|  | a. | All ​local governments taken together |
|  | b. | ​The state government |
|  | c. | ​The federal government |
|  | d. | ​County governments |

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10. The system that replaced the merit system in Texas was a

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|  | a. | centralized testing system. |
|  | b. | centralized compensation and classification system. |
|  | c. | decentralized compensation plan. |
|  | d. | fragmented classification system under a plural executive. |

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11. Controversy has surrounded the State Board of Education due to its

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|  | a. | lack of educational expertise. |
|  | b. | refusal to support teacher unions. |
|  | c. | lack of courtesy toward fellow members. |
|  | d. | extremist ideological positions. |

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12. In recent years, Texas public school students have been increasingly

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|  | a. | ​ethnic or racial minorities and the economically disadvantaged. |
|  | b. | ​middle class Anglo Texans. |
|  | c. | ​wealthy immigrants from Europe and Asia. |
|  | d. | ​Native American and Anglo. |

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13. One of the most contentious issues facing the State Board of Education in recent years has been

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|  | a. | funding of sports programs. |
|  | b. | review of textbooks. |
|  | c. | salaries for teachers. |
|  | d. | special education curriculum. |

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14. The Texas Workforce Commission

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|  | a. | has three popularly elected members. |
|  | b. | operates all job-training programs in Texas. |
|  | c. | provides labor for construction projects on state highways. |
|  | d. | operates the workers compensation program that assists workers injured on the job. |

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15. Which of the following is *not* a responsibility of the Texas Education Agency?

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|  | a. | It oversees development of statewide curriculum. |
|  | b. | It approves new charter schools. |
|  | c. | It monitors compliance with federal guidelines. |
|  | d. | It creates attendance zones for individual public elementary and secondary schools. |

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16. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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|  | a. | consists of 18 members elected from legislatively drawn districts. |
|  | b. | may order the closing of state-funded colleges or universities. |
|  | c. | recently saw its power reduced through the sunset process. |
|  | d. | appoints, and may remove, regents of the state university boards. |

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17. The governance of Texas community colleges is performed mainly by

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|  | a. | local boards of trustees. |
|  | b. | the Texas Education Agency. |
|  | c. | county commissioners courts. |
|  | d. | the State Board of Education. |

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18. The Health and Human Services Commission in Texas administers all the following, *except*

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|  | a. | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families |
|  | b. | Social Security benefits |
|  | c. | Medicare assistance |
|  | d. | Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program |

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19. Assume that you are a newly divorced, 27-year-old mother of two nondisabled children; your former husband has run off and cannot be located to make child support payments; you never graduated from high school; and you own no property. You are definitely *ineligible* for

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|  | a. | food stamps. |
|  | b. | Medicaid. |
|  | c. | Medicare. |
|  | d. | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. |

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20. In Texas, education, health, and human services expenditures account for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the state’s budget.

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|  | a. | one-half |
|  | b. | three-fourths |
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